2.   (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said step (a) further comprises the step of inputting said setting data for every to be stored article.

3.   (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
    (f)   storing peak time zone data;
    (g)   detecting the present time; and
    (h)   judging whether the present time is within a peak time zone in accordance with said stored peak time zone data to generate said command signal.

7. . (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 3, further comprising the steps of:
        storing a predetermined number;
        detecting the number of customers from said order data; and
        predicting said peak time zone in accordance with the predetermined number and the detected number of customers in accordance with said predicted peak time zone to generate said peak time zone data so as to be stored in step (f).

9.   (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 3, wherein in said step (f), weekday peak time zone data and holiday peak time zone data are stored as said peak time zone data, said method further comprising the steps of:
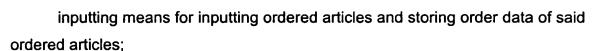   detecting the present date; and
        judging whether the present date is a weekday or a holiday, wherein in step (h), said command signal is generated in accordance with said stored weekday peak time zone data, said stored holiday peak time zone, said present time, and the present date.

10.   (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 9, wherein said step (f) further comprises the step of inputting said weekday peak time zone data and holiday peak time zone data so as to be stored.

16.   (Amended) A customer's order processing apparatus comprising:
        storing means for storing setting data for every article;

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inputting means for inputting ordered articles and storing order data of said ordered articles;

predicting means for predicting quantities of said articles to be prepared in accordance with said stored order data in response to a command signal; and

display means for displaying said quantities for said every article to be prepared at a given time period in accordance with said setting data in response to said command signal at a peak time, and for displaying respective sets of input ordered articles at non-peak times.

31.   (Amended) A method of processing customer's orders comprising the steps of:

(a) inputting and storing data of articles in accordance with orders by customers;

(b) predicting quantities of said ordered articles to be prepared in accordance with said stored data of articles in response to a command signal;

(c) displaying said quantities for every said articles to be prepared at a given time period in accordance with said setting data in response to said command signal; and

(d) displaying respective sets of input ordered articles at time periods other than said given time period.

Please add new claims 32 and 33 as follows:

32.   (Newly Added) A method of processing customer's orders comprising the steps of:

(a)   storing setting data for every article;

(b)   inputting ordered articles and storing order data of said ordered articles;

(c)   predicting quantities of said articles to be prepared in response to a command signal generated in accordance with said stored order data inputted for a given time period; and

(d)   displaying said quantities for every said articles in accordance with said setting data in response to said command signal.

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